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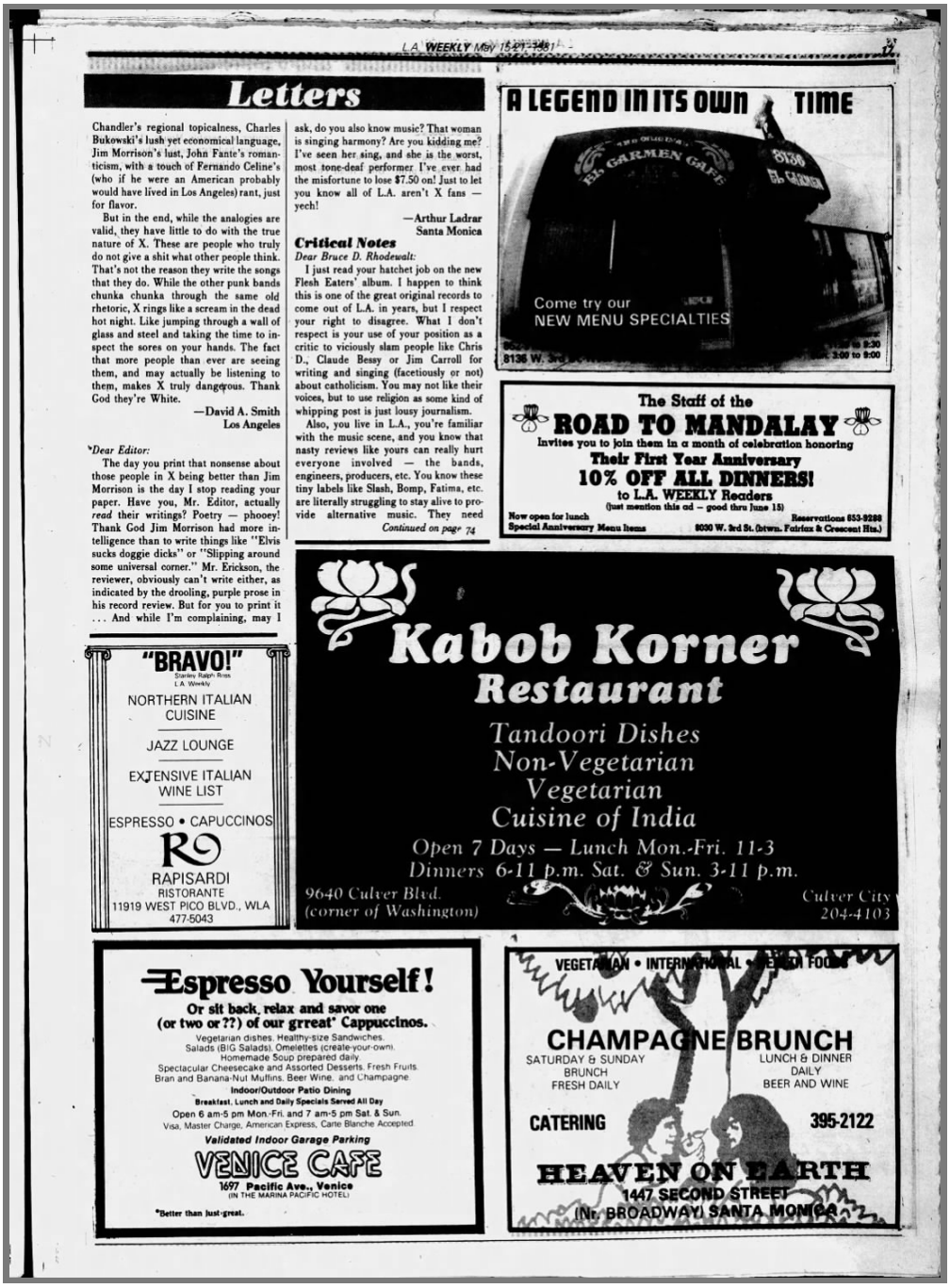

Letters

Chandler's regional topicalness, Charles Bukowski's lush yet economical language, Jim Morrison's lust, John Fante's romanticism, with a touch of Fernando Celine's (who if he were an American probably would have lived in Los Angeles) rant, just for flavor.

But in the end, while the analogies are valid, they have little to do with the true nature of X. These are people who truly do not give a shit what other people think. That's not the reason they write the songs that they do. While the other punk bands chunka chunka through the same old rhetoric, X rings like a scream in the dead hot night. Like jumping through a wall of glass and steel and taking the time to inspect the sores on your hands. The fact that more people than ever are seeing them, and may actually be listening to them, makes X truly dangerous. Thank God they're White.

—David A. Smith
Los Angeles

Dear Editor:

The day you print that nonsense about those people in X being better than Jim Morrison is the day I stop reading your paper. Have you, Mr. Editor, actually *read* their writings? Poetry — phooey! Thank God Jim Morrison had more intelligence than to write things like "Elvis sucks doggie dicks" or "Slipping around some universal corner." Mr. Erickson, the reviewer, obviously can't write either, as indicated by the drooling, purple prose in his record review. But for you to print it . . . And while I'm complaining, may I ask, do you also know music? That woman is singing harmony? Are you kidding me? I've seen her sing, and she is the worst, most tone-deaf performer I've ever had the misfortune to lose $7.50 on! Just to let you know all of L.A. aren't X fans — yech!

—Arthur Ladrar
Santa Monica

Critical Notes

Dear Bruce D. Rhodevault:

I just read your hatchet job on the new Flesh Eaters' album. I happen to think this is one of the great original records to come out of L.A. in years, but I respect your right to disagree. What I don't respect is your use of your position as a critic to viciously slam people like Chris D., Claude Bessy or Jim Carroll for writing and singing (facetiously or not) about catholicism. You may not like their voices, but to use religion as some kind of whipping post is just lousy journalism.

Also, you live in L.A., you're familiar with the music scene, and you know that nasty reviews like yours can really hurt everyone involved — the bands, engineers, producers, etc. You know these tiny labels like Slash, Bomp, Fatima, etc. are literally struggling to stay alive to provide alternative music. They need

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